

RIB AWARENESS



ALWAYS EXAMINE AND CORRECT HAZARDOUS ROOF/RIB CONDITIONS

On Saturday, February 13, 2010, a stage loader operator sustained multiple injuries to his pelvic area, when he was struck by a large rib roll. He was performing regular duties when this accident occurred around the stage loader. The maximum dimensions of the fallen material measured 52 inches long, 43 inches high and 30 inches thick.

- Thoroughly examine roof/rib conditions wherever you work or travel, especially in areas that tend to become unstable.
- Know and follow your approved roof/rib control plan.
- Place yourself in a safe position when located near belts/equipment.
- Report unusual or unsafe conditions to other miners and mine management.
- Unstable coal ribs should be taken down or supported.



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